

Riverwalk Music Nights a Big Success

The long awaited Riverwalk and park located off of Highlake Road is finally in bloom. It is truly beautiful along the West Branch of the DuPage River. The band shell is used for musical events and summer concerts. And, the Knights of Columbus Bill Brach red wood pavilion is a great place to picnic with friends and family.

June 7th was the first concert of the Riverwalk Music Nights series. The weather was a beautiful balmy summer evening and the people poured into the Riverwalk Park venue for opening night. The band Vital Signs with local physician Dr. Altimari opened up for Radio Gaga, a colorful high energy Queen and Lady Gaga cover band. People brought chairs and blankets to set out on the grass in front of the stage. The food trucks sold Italian beefs, gyros, and other savory delights along with an ice cream vendor, and an assortment of cold adult beverages were sold by the Winfield Lions Club along with the Winfield Foundation. The Riverwalk park bandshell was the perfect venue for the music, food, and drink extravaganza in Winfield as was evident by the excited crowd of people! Be sure to check out the rest of the Music Nights on August 9th, August 23rd, and September 20th with more great bands and food trucks! Check the schedule

on the *What's Up Winfield* Facebook page or the Village of Winfield website.

More musical fun will take place September 6th-8th when the 57th annual Good Old Days festival happens south of the tracks at Church and Beecher. A whole week-end filled with music with 6 bands performing along with multiple food vendors, a beverage tent plus lots of activities for the kids will close out the Summer and

leave Winfield residents with good memories as they head into Fall. Check www.winfieldgoodolddays.com for more information.



Fire Station Construction Begins: Completion Planned for Jan.

By Luke Allen

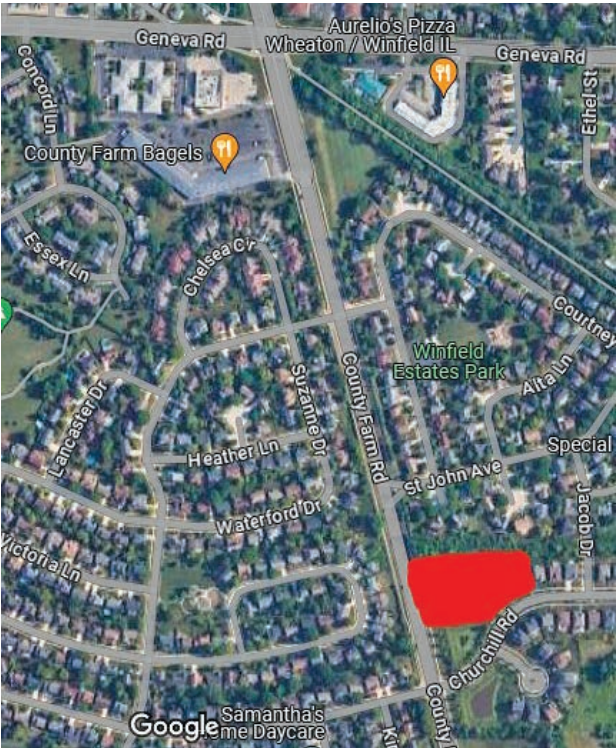
Months of planning led to a very special day on May 6 as a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the future site of the Winfield Fire Protection District Station 31 at the intersection of County Farm and Churchill roads.

Attending the event were the Board of Trustees, firefighter-paramedics and their families, administrative staff, and representatives from the architect firm Healy, Bender, Patton, & Been of Naperville, and the general contractor E.P. Doyle & Son of Wheaton.

During the referenda of 2020-2022 Fire Chief Steve Evans shared that the Fire District has 3 needs: to put into service an additional ambulance, to hire a crew to operate it, and ensure there's a place to house both. Voters approved a referendum

in 2022 and work began immediately to implement that plan. Two new ambulances have been ordered, a new fire engine was delivered, a new station is being constructed to hold it all, and the

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Site of the new Winfield fire station.

Founders Park Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting

Founders Park playground was originally constructed in 1990 and has been in desperate need of updating for quite some time. We are pleased to announce that Founders Park is now a fully completed project. Starting with the final expansion/remodeling project of the Charles R. Beggs Activity Center that was completed in October of 2022, Founders Park was completely redeveloped and designed with a new playground, pickleball courts, Gaga ball, outdoor fitness area, team obstacles equipment, walking path, and shelter area. This project was done with the help of the state of Illinois OSLAD grant which was awarded to the Winfield Park District for \$600,000 with a project cost of approximately \$1.3 million.



On Friday, August 2, 2024, from 12-1 p.m., we will be doing the Re-Opening of Founders Park Ribbon Cutting.

Come on out and enjoy all the park's amenities and free hotdogs. For any further questions, contact Tom Bower, Executive Director, at the Winfield Park District at 630-653-3811.

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Farewell to Winfield in Action's Deb Moran – Help Wanted!

As we published in our Spring 2023 issue, see below, WIA was and is still looking for new leadership. Deb and her family are moving out East to be close to extended family and help take care of her aging parents. Amazingly Deb has offered to remotely help keep WIA going via email, website updates, etc. but we thought it best to let everyone know again that help is needed!

(Reprint from Spring 2023 issue)

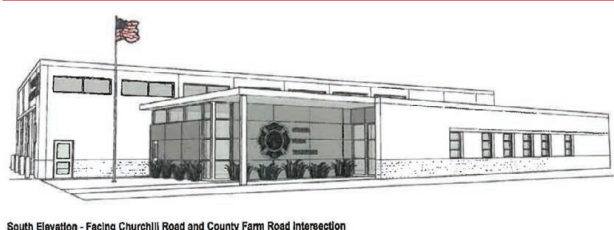
Winfield in Action (WIA) is a non- profit, volunteer organization that provides baseball, softball and soccer programs for children in grades K-11 in the Winfield area. It is a unique organization in that it is an all-volunteer, parent-run organization. WIA helps bring the village together, with Winfield children attending multiple different public and private schools, it's a great opportunity to meet other Winfield families.

WIA's Deb Moran has been at the helm for over 25 years! She's looking to pass the baton soon but needs help in the meantime to keep the program running. If you can spare some time, help is needed with the following, some of them can be done from home (those in bold especially need help):

- Be available for equipment turn-in.
- Build equipment bags for baseball and soccer.
- Build teams.
- Help stripe soccer fields.
- **Pick up trophies.**
- **Pick up/organize/deliver uniforms.**
- Organize equipment.
- Pump up soccer balls.
- **Create social media posts/ads for registration.**
- Sponsorship (at home).

With the beautiful newly renovated fields at East Street Park, Glasshagel and the County Farm

complex, the time is now to keep a good thing going. Fall soccer team registration is open at www.winfieldinaction.org If you'd like to step up and keep this great tradition going in Winfield, please contact Deb or Paul LeVasseur at 630-344-9809 or info@winfieldinaction.org.



South Elevation - Facing Churchills Road and County Farm Road Intersection



Front Elevation - Facing County Farm Road

Winfield is looking forward to a brand new fire station.
See page 1 for details about construction of the new facility.



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Rose Steps Down as Winfield Historical Society President; Winfield Historical Society Plans New Book on Winfield History

This past May during the Annual Meeting of the Winfield Historical Society (WHS) long-time Winfield resident Adrienne Rose stepped down as the President of the WHS, a position she had held for over 43 years.

During a recent interview Rose looked back at her life story and involvement with the founding of the WHS, life in Winfield, raising four daughters and her music interest. She also spoke about a new Winfield history book project.

Rose moved into the Village in 1966 with her husband (the late) William “Bill” Rose. Both were active as volunteers in Winfield religious, governmental and in civic causes. Adrienne grew up in Chicago. She had met Bill while she was working for the University of Chicago when Bill was a senior at the U. of C.

Adrienne held the role of President and Vice President of the St John Catholic Church’s Council of Catholic Women (CCW) as well as Women of the Year. Rose also had a strong professional interest in music and musical performance. In 1971, she began her music career when St John’s then Pastor Monsignor Reverend Vincent J. Cloos approached her to assist the local Methodist Church, who needed an organist for their morning services. This position she held for ten years. In the meantime, Rose also was organist at St. Johns Sunday 12:30 p.m. mass. She eventually became the Music Director for St Johns – a position she held from 1982 to mid-2023.

She earned a Bachelor’s of Music – Piano from the Chicago Conservatory of Music College. Not one to stand idle and a desire to pursue her dreams and ambitions, she eventually studied and worked hard toward earning a Master’s in Music – Theory from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago while raising four daughters with Bill. Adrienne has been teaching piano in Winfield since 1976 and continues today.

Rose is very persistent. She is a leader with a quiet but self-assured dignity surrounding her. She has been a steady and dedicated leader at the helm and committed to preserving Winfield History and serving her community. Her interest in history eventually led her and several other people to form the WHS.

Adrienne is one of the original and founding members (1978) of the WHS. The Society was established with one purpose in mind – to save the oldest (circa 1849) railroad station in the State of Illinois. Today it is known as the Winfield Park District Hedges Station (Besch Home) Museum.

Rose states, “We were a concerned group of local housewives back then.” The “Village fathers” at first did not take their cause seriously. Adrienne and the ladies of the Society were able to muscle their way into local Winfield politics. They eventually purchased what was then known as the “Besch Home” and have it moved to its current location near Oakwood Park. This all occurred in spite of a failed Village Referendum in 1981, that put a question to the voters on whether the Besch home should be demolished or saved.

Adrienne and WHS were a determined group of village residents who persisted. President Ginny Faesen, Rose and Past President Martha Ingram, were able to negotiate a time schedule with the Village to purchase the Besch Home/Hedges Station for the cost of \$25.00 on the condition that the Society raise dollars by a certain deadline and have the structure moved from the corner of Church and

Jewell Road north of the railroad tracks. Once the funds were raised, a negotiation then took place between the WHS and the newly formed Winfield Park District to have the structure moved

to its current location near Oakwood Park at 0N555 Winfield Road.

“You do not know what you have until it is gone and then it is too late” Rose stated toward the end

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Adrienne Rose was a fixture at the Winfield Historical Society for over 43 years.



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WIA Champion Baseball Team

By Megan Zalokar

The AA Winfield in Action Giants baseball team (5th & 6th grade boys) won the league championship on Saturday, June 22nd at Atten Park against the Wheaton Yankees with a score of 10 to 7. This year's team showed strength and determination all season as they achieved first place in the regular seasons with a record of 10-1-1 prior to starting the playoffs. The Giants won 3 of their 4 play off games to make it to the championship game.

This year's team members include (left to right in picture):

Row 1: Jonathan Zalokar, Caleb Odom, Gavin Skreens, Sheppard Littrell, Jonah Sanders, Marcus Zlataric, Max Bode, John Henry Hacker.

Row 2: Coach Mike Zalokar, Zeke Odom, Coach Joe Sanders and Coach Shawn Hacker.



Adrienne Rose

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of the interview. This is what has driven Adrienne for the past 43 years in her leadership role for the WHS – to preserve Winfield's past.

Adrienne continues to serve on the WHS Board in her new role as Past President. Within the past year she and the Board of the WHS have formed an Ad-Hoc Committee with the Winfield Library to work on the re-publication of a revised version of Louise Spanke's 1977 book *Winfield's Good Old Days: A History of Winfield Illinois*.

Adrienne is spearheading this book project because she wants a new generation of Winfield residents to be familiar with the Village's rich and progressive history and the physical changes that have occurred over the past 40 years since the publication of the first history. The Society's goal is to have the book published and available in time for September 2026 Winfield Good Old Day celebration and the United States 250th Semi-sesquicentennial celebration of our nation's independence.

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Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Winfield Chamber of Commerce continues to enjoy great participation at our monthly networking meetings. May's meeting was hosted by Dave Nelson's Farmers Insurance office. We heard from Fire District Trustee Luke Allen about the progress on the new Winfield Fire Station. June's meeting was hosted by the Winfield Historical Society at Hedges Station Museum. Adrienne Rose, Lee Schmitz, and Kevin Davis spoke to the group about the events they host throughout the year and gave us a tour of the museum. July's meeting was hosted by The Glimpses newspaper. We enjoyed Manbot Coffee Roasters coffee and Scone House Cafe scones al fresco at The Barn.

Networking meetings are Tuesday mornings at 7:30am. The schedule for the remainder of 2024 is:

August 6th	The Barber Shoppe
Sept 3rd	Daniel and Assoc Real Estate
Oct 1st	Healthcare Assoc Credit Union
Nov 5th	Berger Bros Pub
Dec 3rd	Winfield Park District

The Chamber would like to congratulate Tony Vassil on his retirement, after 37+ years of owning Tony's Steamers in Winfield! Thank you for your delicious food and your generosity towards the community. We will miss you!

A huge thank you goes out to Denise Cubel of Admiral Builders for coordinating the Welcome Packets project for the Chamber. New Winfield residents will now receive a packet full of local business information welcoming them to Winfield. We are so grateful for Cruz Barbershop II who hosted our May Social event at their location in Prairie Trail Center. Chamber members had a chance to meet up after-hours for a beverage and some casual conversation in their awesomely renovated space. A shout out to member David Koch of UMortgage for speaking to the Chamber on May 9th about relationship-based business. All of the attendees learned a lot!

Our Cruise Nights continue to be a huge success with more than 80 classic cars and sport cars filling the parking spaces of Prairie Trail Center

every Monday evening from 5:30-8:30 this summer. Join us for this free community event, featuring a DJ and raffle prizes for the car owners. We are looking forward to attending the Criterium and Summerfest activities on Sunday, July 21st at Creekside Park. Chamber members have the opportunity to volunteer at many of the day's activities.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to returning Chamber member Toni Browley, of Scone House Cafe, located on Winfield Road. We're so glad you're here!

Chamber members are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Winfield's beautiful new playground and pickle ball courts, located at Founders Park (0N020 County Farm Rd), on Friday, August 2nd at Noon. This year, GWCC will co-sponsor the Farmers Market and Business Expo during Good Old Days, September 6-8. Contact me if you'd like to have a booth at the Business Expo on Church Street. You can sign up for 1, 2 or 3 days. GWCC members are also welcome to have a table at our Fall Arts and Crafts Festival, September 21-22. Tuesday evening, October 8th, we'll have the opportunity to hear a speaker from Choose DuPage on small businesses resources, hosted by the Winfield Public Library.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer and we'll see you at the Riverwalk Music Nights and the Winfield Farmers Market!

The GWCC around town:
Top: Rich Bysina, Farmers Market Manager, on opening day of this year's Winfield Farmers Market.
Right: Jim Kohlmann of Trans-Pet Services with his 1972 Pontiac Trans Am.
See more photos on page 8.



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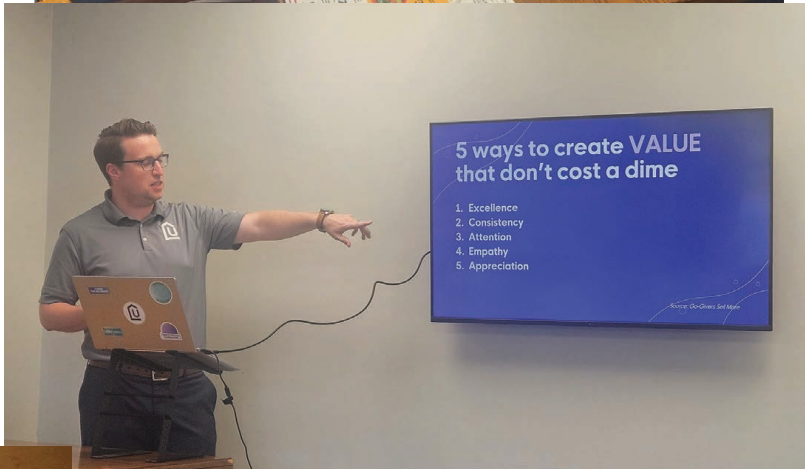
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- Fall Arts and Crafts Festival sponsorships
- Directory Advertising
- Networking meetings
- Sponsored booth at Good Old Days festival
- Chamber website, www.greaterwinfieldchamber.org
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- Community volunteer opportunities
- Ribbon Cutting for new businesses

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GWCC in Action

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Photos, clockwise from top left:
Cruz Barbershop II after-hours
Chamber social.

Denise Cubel assembling new
resident Welcome Packets.

David Koch of U Mortgage
speaking to the Chamber.

Manbot Coffee Roasters' booth
at the Winfield Farmers Market.

June networking meeting at the Hedges Station
Museum.

May networking meeting at Dave Nelson's Farmers
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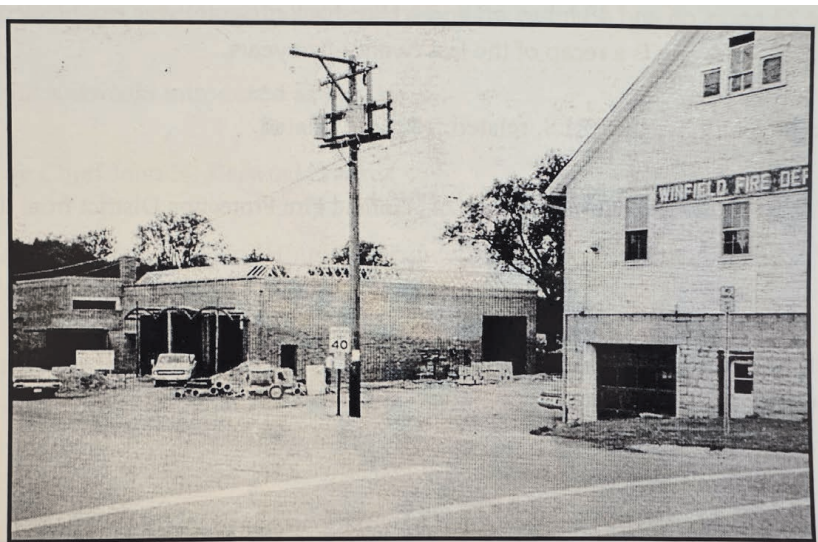
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Top: Trustees, Firefighter-Paramedics, and administrative staff participated in a ground-breaking ceremony on May 6 to officially launch the construction of the new Fire District headquarters station at the corner of County Farm and Churchill roads.



Construction of the New Station 1, 1973-1974

Right: It was 50 years ago that the downtown fire station was constructed to replace the outdated Foresters' Hall, which had been in use since the 1940s. In the 1970 census, the Fire District population was around 5,000 residents; today it is over 30,000. Image courtesy of Winfield Fire Protection District.

New Fire Station

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additional staff will be added after the building is opened.

Trustees explored many options for renovating the current downtown station, but given the costs to expand, modernize, and repair the 50-year-old building, compounded by the challenges of additional vehicle and train traffic downtown, a contract was awarded to Healy, Bender, Patton, and Been Architects from Naperville to design a new station on land which had been purchased more than 10 years ago when the Silverwood Glen subdivision was platted.

"Locating the new station on County Farm Road will help us improve response times to all areas of our district," said Fire Chief Steve Evans. "Moving it closer to the Northeast residents of our district, plus locating it to quickly access the County Farm Road underpass, will help us improve our response times to every part of the District. Our staff will have a healthier environment to work and recover in, and we will have the space to add an additional medic company to meet the needs of our residents."

New Station Features

A lot has changed since the current fire station was built in 1974. For starters, Winfield now has full-time firefighter-paramedics. Because this building will be designed to have crew who live there, considerations for response time, air quality, and staff physical and mental health have been at the forefront of design decisions.

- Response time improvement: Wide doorways and hallways have been planned for crew to quickly get to their vehicles from anywhere in the building. There will be no stairs.
- Environmental improvement: Air quality will be significantly improved. Exposure to carcinogens are very common for first responders, and proper design reduces workplace contamination. Airflow is designed to prevent contaminated tools and air from entering the working and living spaces.
- Mental and physical health & recovery: First responders have a very physically and mentally challenging job. The new station design provides crew members with several different spaces to workout, rest, and recover.
- Meeting and study space has been designed to allow staff to more easily satisfy the 155 hours of training that's required each year.
- Landscaping plans were developed in partnership with the Silverwood Glen homeowner's association, and other local neighbors, to reduce the impact on the surrounding residential areas.

The new station is planned to be operational in the beginning of 2025. Trustees have not yet determined how the downtown fire station property will be disposed of.

About the Winfield Fire Protection District

Winfield Fire Protection District serves more than 30,000 residents in a 13+ square mile area. The population has grown since the District's founding in the 1940s when the area was mostly rural farmland, and so has the demand for services. Responding to over 2300 calls per year with just one ambulance crew means residents who dial 911 regularly have to wait for an ambulance from a neighboring town (when they happen to have one available), due to the very busy workload on our primary ambulance crew.

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Summer Fraud and Trickery

By Kathe Doremus

It is that time of year when we all spend time outside, the storms blow in quickly leaving, and the fraudsters come out to search for easy targets. Beware – danger lurks in so many places these days just waiting for any one of us to make a simple mistake. There are articles written about cybercrime, senior crime, neighborhood vandalism – yet in our serene Village of Winfield, it is easy to have a false sense of security and think we are insulated from this type of activity. Every one of us can be a target and an easy victim – so here is just a gentle reminder of how to stay aware and protect your home and yourself during these summer months.

Storm Chasers – you know the path beaten to your door after every windstorm, rainstorm, hailstorm? They will claim they can see the damage even if you cannot and assure you they can make your insurance company pay – what they don’t tell you is that they company they have may be imaginary or may have a record of shoddy work or failure to complete the project or charging you triple what it actually costs – if you believe you have damage, call your own insurance company for an adjuster to come out and then contract with a trusted contractor – do your homework to make sure they are licensed and insured and check the Better Business Bureau to see if there have been complaints – look for personal recommendations from neighbors/friends/family who have had similar work done – the storm chasers can be persistent – but learn to say no and turn them away firmly. Toss the flyers away that promise miracles but have no address or local phone number.

Bug Guys – I have about four of these visits a week – they are always doing “work down the street” at a neighbors’ home so willing to offer a great deal because they are in the neighborhood. They see imaginary bugs, rodents, and other vermin everywhere – and try and convince me that my home is crawling with them and will soon be a pile of sawdust left from the wood-eating critters. Who among us doesn’t feel their skin crawl when someone tells us our homes are infested with bugs? Summer is a time of bugs – and spotting an occasional one is not cause for hiring a company to spray poison around your home for eternity to protect you. Unless you are truly aware of a problem – shoo-shoo them back to the imaginary neighbors’ home.

Tree Guys/Driveway Guys, etc. Same advice – they may be legitimately looking for work but just because they are doing work in the neighborhood does not make them the contractor you want to

hire – do your due diligence, get a quote, check background, insurance, references – BEFORE you hire them.

Utility/Public Works Service Employees – there are some creative predators who don official looking uniforms and knock on doors asking for entry to your home for various official reasons – do NOT give access to anyone unless you are certain they are there for a legitimate reason. Unless you have been notified of a need for a service directly by the company, ask for identification and then call the company directly to make certain of the legitimacy of their visit.

Random Solicitors selling anything and everything – It is true that many kids get jobs selling products, organizations raise funds for legitimate activities, and all other reasons for people to be knocking on your door – but be wary and trust your instincts. There are regulations for soliciting, these innocent looking people may not be so innocent, and if you have a sign that indicates you do not want solicitations – point to it and close the door. Do not be “guilted” or bullied into buying things or let them in your home – or make access easy. Politely say you are not interested and then close and lock your door. If they persist, notify the police.

Be aware of strangers in the neighborhood or unusual/suspicious activity. Many of us live in very stable and well-established neighborhoods where we are at least familiar with our neighbors if not outright friendly – keep an eye out for each other. If you know someone is on vacation and see strange cars in their drive, let the police know. If there is unusual activity anywhere that you notice, it is better to be safe than sorry – make a call to the police to see what is going on – (that does not mean reporting your next door neighbor’s party just because you don’t like the way their friends look – or you weren’t invited) – but be aware – especially if you have elderly neighbors or know someone

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Farewell from Tony:

The time has come. After 43 years in the business – 37 of them proudly serving from the Winfield location – I have decided it is time to hang up the apron.

For me, just like an extended family, I now see generations of past employees and customers bringing their families back to the “old neighborhood place,” and it seems to have come full circle. I am proud of that, and proud of the community that we helped to build by supporting sports teams, raising donations for those who have served, the business affiliations, and countless friendships I have made over the years.

As proud as I am of all of this, it could not have been possible without all of you – the customers that we prefer to call friends, and the dedication of great employees over the years.

This has been a hard decision for me, but the timing is right. At age 70, it is time to take time. Time to spend with family, and to see what the view is like from the other side of the counter.

I leave with many wonderful memories – far too many to list.

You are being left in great hands and I hope that you all continue to support the business as they will welcome and support each of you.

It has been a great run. I thank you all.

– Tony



From Tony’s Steamers Facebook Page on June 7, 2024. The restaurant is still open but under new ownership of George and Sophia Kouvelis.



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lives alone.

There are so many other situations that could be mentioned but being summer, these seem to be top items that result in crime or fraud and this is a reminder that we live in a wonderful town full of awesome neighborhoods but we need to be vigilant to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe from predators. Summer is a time of open doors and windows and people taking walks and working in yards and visiting with each other – these same open doors and windows can be an invitation for someone to enter uninvited, for you to be approached while unprepared and by someone selling something or looking for a victim – the things that make summer-time so special can also be just the environment a criminal need to commit criminal activities or scams. Be safe, be aware, be on the lookout, and take care of your neighbors...and have a wonderful summer!

Support Needed for Past Winfield Resident, Brian Winkelman, After Accident

By Mary Lee Geraghty

On April 10th, recent member of the Winfield community Brian Winkelman suffered a near-fatal accident while cutting down a tree branch and fractured his neck. Winkelman has been hospitalized since the accident, undergoing a lengthy surgery at Loyola Medical Center. Now at a long-term care facility, he receives therapy to be weaned from his ventilator. Once he re-learns to breathe on his own, he will relocate to a specialized spinal cord injury (SCI) rehabilitation facility to focus on recovery from his current paralysis. Doctors say he will be in the SCI rehab facility for an extended period.

Brian and his wife, Annette, lived in the Shelburne Crossing community in Winfield for 12 years and were active in local initiatives. As dedicated members of the Winfield Riverwalk Committee they organized numerous social fundraising events for the cause. Additionally, they regularly enthusiastically volunteered for the Winfield Criterium, always ready to lend a hand and help their community.

Brian runs a landscaping business that specializes in permaculture, and Annette, who is a health coach and chef, is running the businesses while she and his family take shifts so that someone is always by her husband's side. With the drastic reduction in incomes and mounting medical bills, assistance is urgently needed.

In light of this tragic event, a fundraising website has been created to support Brian and Annette as they face substantial medical bills and their reduced ability to work. Anyone wishing to contribute to easing their financial burden can make donations via GiveSendGo at <https://www.givesendgo.com/brianandannettesupport>. Any amount will make a tremendous difference in their lives during this challenging time.





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